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The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th September, 1954:—

BILL No. XVIII OF 1954

A Bill to amend the Tea Act, 1953.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title.—This Act may be called the Tea (Amendment) Act, 1954.

2. Amendment of section 4, Act 29 of 1953.—In section 4 of the Tea Act, 1953, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3A) It is hereby declared that the office of member of the Board shall not disqualify its holder for being chosen as, or for being, a member of either House of Parliament.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause (f) of section 4(3) of the Tea Act, 1953 (29 of 1953) provides for the representation of Parliament on the Tea Board established under section 4(1) of that Act. It is also possible that among the members of the Tea Board appointed under clauses (a) to (e) and clause (h) of section 4(3) of the Tea Act, some may be either members of Parliament at the time of their appointment or chosen as such subsequently. Under section 4 of the Prevention of Disqualification (Parliament and Part C States Legislatures) Act, 1953 (1 of 1954), disqualification arising out of the membership of a statutory

body (like the Tea Board), for being chosen as, or for being, a member of Parliament has been removed only temporarily, that is, up to the 31st day of December, 1954. It is necessary to remove that disqualification permanently in relation to membership of the Tea Board, as it is desirable to have members of Parliament on the Tea Board for its successful working.

It is proposed to achieve this object by inserting a suitable provision in the Tea Act itself. Hence the present Bill.

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NEW DELHI;

The 17th September, 1954.

S. N. MUKERJEE,
Secretary.